



Museum of Jewish Montreal

Our Story

Founded in 2010 to map, collect and share Montreal's Jewish history, the Museum of Jewish Montreal (MJM) successfully engaged tens of thousands of visitors through our online exhibits, pop-up exhibitions and walking tours. Our storefront space (2016-2020) became a thriving hub for young members of our community to gather and experiment with Jewish arts & culture, along with increasingly diverse audiences and organizational partners. We're now charting the next steps for our bold and innovative organization.

Our Mission

The Museum is an innovative place to connect with Montreal's Jewish life & identity, share our diverse heritage, and create new cultural experiences.

In 2019 we welcomed **25 298 visitors** (21% increase from 2018), hosted **52 events**, led **515 tours**, had **38 press appearances**, collected **312 oral histories**, and guided **59,838 web visitors**.

In 2020 our organization's agility has let us successfully meet the contemporary needs of our community during the pandemic by shifting to **new forms of programming** that create opportunities for **community engagement**.

Objectives

IDENTITY

Providing young Jews a **new sense of community** and creating building blocks for lifelong connection with Jewish culture, while giving them space to express and **take ownership of their Jewish identities**.

INSPIRATION

Developing **new Jewish cultural experiences** by inspiring and supporting creative projects and experiments. We act as a catalyst to a growing **Jewish arts and culture ecosystem** in Montreal.

INTERCHANGE

Offering opportunities to **preserve, explore, and share components of Montreal's diverse Jewish history, heritage, and knowledge**, which increase the public's understanding and appreciation of Montreal's Jewish life and culture.

- Our Programs

From the beginning, the Museum has developed a far-reaching program of events and activities that engage, inspire, and strengthen Montreal's Jewish life and identity. Thanks to our modular approach and agility, our programming has remained relevant and impactful during the pandemic. Today our programming spans...

EXHIBITIONS AND COLLECTIONS

Sharing Montreal's diverse Jewish heritage through innovative approaches. These include art exhibitions and murals, online collections and exhibits, and an oral history initiative.

EVENTS

Strengthening our audiences' connections to Jewish life and identity through new cultural experiences. These include concerts, cooking workshops, storytelling events, language classes, vernissages, salons and talks, holiday markets, book launches, children's events, pop-up dinners, and parties.



TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Providing the public with opportunities to explore and share Montreal's Jewish heritage. These include walking tours, historic building tours, food tours, food workshops, and educational experiences for schools and families.

FELLOWSHIPS

Offering research opportunities for young adults to create content that enriches the Museum's programs and activities, while fostering learning and career development. These include Research, Food, and Oral History fellowships.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Allowing the Museum to develop deeper relationships with members of the community and connect them to Jewish life and identity through a range of opportunities. Launching this year, these include a Cultural Microgrant Program, a Young Leadership Development Program, Intercommunity Outreach Tours, and a Membership Program.